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FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY FROM SEELYE

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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN ATTITUDES ON RHODESIA

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 3604 (NODIS)

1. MURREY MARDER STORY IN SEPT. 29 WAS;INGTON POST
GIVES HARSHER VERSION OF NYERERE STATEMENTS TO SEPT.28
NEWS CONFERENCE THAN REPORTED REFTEL. MARDER CITES
NYERERE VIEW THAT BLACK LEADERS EXPECT FORCE RHODESIA'S
WHITE GOVERNMENT INTO BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN "FOUR
TO SIX WEEKS' RATHER THAN TWO YEARS. ARTICLE QUOTES
NYERERE AS SAYING: "THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS HAVE A
TENDENCY TO TALK ABOUT MAJORITY RULE IN TWO YEARS OR SO.
WE ARE TALKING ABOUT MAJORITY RULE IN FOUR TO SIX WEEKS,
WHEN, WITH THE FORMATION OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT,
THE POWERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF RHODESIA WILL BE
PASSED TO THE MAJORITY. INDEPENDENCE WILL THEN FOLLOW."

2. NYERERE REPORTEDLY SPOKE OF UNACCEPTABLE ALLOCATION
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OF MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND LAW-AND-ORDER IN INTERIM

GOVERNMENT TO WHITES AS ISSUE ON WHICH "I AM TOLD
KISSINGER HAD TO YIELD TO SMITH." ELSEWHERE ARTICLE

QUOTES NYERERE AS SAYING, "DR. KISSINGER SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE,"
ADDING THAT, "FROM TIME TO TIME DR. KISSINGER TRIED TO
MENTION DETAILS OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND I KEPT
PUTTING KISSINGER OFF, SAYING I DID NOT WANT TO DISCUSS
THEM." LATTER TWO QUOTES ALSO APPEAR IN FBIS VERSION
OF SEPARATE INTERVIEW NYERERE GAVE JULIAN MANTERS
ON SEPT. 27.

3. APPRECIATE YOUR CHECKING STORY FURTHER AS IT
WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD BE IN POSITION QUESTION
ACCURACY OF ALLEGED QUOTES IN WASHINGTON POST. ROBINSON

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